

June 11, 1965

~~STANLEY KUBRICK~~

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The captioned individual may be identical with Stanley Kubrick who was associated with the motion picture industry in the 1950's. The central files of the FBI reveal that Kubrick was an old chess-playing friend of [redacted] [redacted] who has been the subject of a security-type investigation conducted by this Bureau. [redacted] reportedly had a large circle of communist associates. [redacted]

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The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based on the information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: March 20, 1964

FROM : R. W. Smith *R.W.S.*

SUBJECT: ADMIRAL ARLEIGH A. BURKE
AND "SEVEN DAYS IN MAY"

SYNOPSIS:

Admiral Burke, U. S. Navy (Ret.), good friend of Bureau, has contacted Assistant Director Sullivan to state that movie, "Seven Days in May," which tells of abortive plot of military clique to seize control of U. S. Government, is critical of military establishment and is detrimental to Nation. Burke is in receipt of letters concerning recent attacks on military. One letter alleges communist connections of movie's cast, namely, Fredric March, Burt Lancaster, [REDACTED] and Ava Gardner. Another letter cites two new books, "The Passion of the Hawks," by Tristram Coffin, and "The Military Establishment," by John Swomley, and another new movie, "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb," produced by Stanley Kubrick, all of which derogate military. Fletcher Knebel, one of co-authors of "Seven Days in May," criticized Director in "Look" magazine in 1955. Fredric March and wife were subjects of closed security cases alleging them to have been Communist Party members and active in communist fronts in past. Burt Lancaster and Ava Gardner also [REDACTED] affiliated with several fronts at one time. [REDACTED] b6
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[REDACTED] based on information from Army in January, 1964, that anonymous communication received by Army in Germany alleged she had been (S-1) (u) Nazi agent in Germany in World War II and subsequently a Soviet agent; that [REDACTED] (u)

[REDACTED] traveler who had two movies financed secretly by Soviets. Tristram Coffin wrote derogatory article about Director in "Holiday" magazine in 1963. John Swomley is pacifist who favors disarmament and opposes conscription. This Division regards book and movie harmful to our Armed Services and Nation. REC-23 100-138754-1289

RECOMMENDATION:

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That Assistant Director Sullivan be authorized to contact Admiral Burke and brief him on the public source material available on the individuals who are subjects of his inquiry.

1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. DeLoach

1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. Bland
1-Mr. Branigan

1-Mr. D. J. Brennan
1-Section tickler
1-Mr. Garner

RSG:bb

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DETAILS:

"Seven Days in May" Disturbs Admiral Burke

Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, U. S. Navy (Ret.), who is a good friend of the Bureau and is on our Special Correspondents' List, has contacted Assistant Director William C. Sullivan concerning the recently released motion picture, "Seven Days in May," adapted from the novel of the same name by Fletcher Knebel and Charles W. Bailey II. Burke stated that he had seen the film, which portrays every military and civilian leader in it as a man of great weakness, and he feels that the picture is detrimental to the Nation. His appraisal of the picture has appeared in the press, and, as a result, he said, he has received several letters.

One correspondent, according to Admiral Burke, made the following charges concerning the principal members of the movie's cast: (1) Fredric March, together with his wife, Florence Eldridge, have been members of some 20 communist front organizations; (2) Burt Lancaster is a "zealous Moscow stalwart" and was affiliated with several communist fronts; and (3) [redacted] have been cited by a California Committee on Un-American Activities.

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Another correspondent, Norman Van Amburgh, of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, indicated that two new books, "The Passion of the Hawks," by Tristram Coffin, and "The Military Establishment," by John Swomley, as well as a new movie, "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb," produced by Stanley Kubrick, also disparage the Pentagon.

Admiral Burke said that he was disturbed by the allegations concerning these individuals and would like to know if they are true.

Theme of "Seven Days in May"

"Seven Days in May," which has been reviewed by the Central Research Unit, was first published as a novel in 1962 by Harper & Row, New York. The leading characters are: (1) President Jordan Lyman, Democrat, one and a half years in the Presidency, whose popularity is at an all-time low mainly because of a nuclear disarmament treaty he has just concluded with the Soviet Union;

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for a number of years.

~~Tristram Coffin~~

~~U.S.~~

[REDACTED]

Coffin was on our Special Correspondents' List on a firstname basis until the publication of an article he wrote about the FBI. The article, entitled "The Department of Justice," appeared in the March, 1963, issue of "Holiday" magazine. The Director characterized references to the FBI as "vicious" and "snidely critical."

~~John Swomley~~

~~U.S.~~

(Public Source)

In January, 1957, Swomley was secretary of "Fellowship," an organ of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, a socialist, pacifist group which has campaigned for disarmament and against conscription.

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Swomley, a pacifist and conscientious objector, was the subject of a Sedition Act investigation which was closed in 1945. He was Director of the National Council Against Conscription in 1947 and was registered with Congress as a lobbyist.

~~Stanley Kubrick~~

~~U.S.~~

Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning Kubrick.

Comment

It is entirely understandable why a military leader of Admiral Burke's stature would find the theme of "Seven Days in May"--even though it is pure fiction--offensive because it does tarnish the image of the American military.

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